


In the claims:

Please **amend** the currently pending claims by substituting the following:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A signal processing method comprising:

an adjusting step of subjecting a sound signal that is input, to processing of adjusting at least one of sound volume and sound quality at a plurality of metering points on a signal path along which the input sound signal is transmitted;

a condition determining step of determining whether the input sound signal satisfies a condition that a level of the sound signal exceeds a predetermined value at a each of the plurality of metering points on a the signal path along which the input sound signal is transmitted; and

 an alarm display step of displaying an alarm when said condition determining step determines that the input sound signal satisfies the condition at at least one of the plurality of metering points.

Claim 2 (original) A signal processing method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a mixing step of mixing the sound signal subjected to the adjusting processing and outputting the mixed sound signal.

Claim 3 (original) A signal processing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sound signal comprises a plurality of sound signals input for a plurality of channels, respectively, and said plurality of metering points are provided on a signal path of each of the plurality of channels along which a corresponding one of the input sound signals is transmitted.

Claim 4 (original) A signal processing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of metering points on the signal path along which the input sound signal is transmitted include at least first and second metering points, the method further comprising:

a first display step of displaying a level of the sound signal at the first metering point on a first screen; and

a second display step of displaying a level of the sound signal at the second metering point on a second screen,

wherein the alarm is displayed on the first and second screen by said alarm display step.

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Claim 5 (currently amended) A program executed by a computer, comprising:

an adjusting module for subjecting a sound signal that is input, to processing of adjusting at least one of sound volume and sound quality at a plurality of metering points on a signal path along which the input sound signal is transmitted;

a condition determining module for determining whether the input sound signal satisfies a condition that a level of the sound signal exceeds a predetermined value at a each of the plurality of metering points on a the signal path along which the input sound signal is transmitted; and

an alarm display module for displaying an alarm when said condition determining module determines that the input sound signal satisfies the condition at at least one of the plurality of metering points.

Claim 6 (currently amended) A signal processing apparatus comprising:

an adjusting device that subjects a sound signal that is input, to processing of adjusting at least one of sound volume and sound quality at a plurality of metering points on a signal path along which the input sound signal is transmitted;

a condition determining device that determines whether the input sound signal satisfies a condition that a level of the sound signal exceeds a predetermined value at a each of the plurality of metering points on a the signal path along which the input sound signal is transmitted; and

a alarm display device that displays an alarm when said condition determining device determines that the input sound signal satisfies the condition at at least one of the plurality of metering points.

Claim 7 (new) A signal processing apparatus of claim 6, wherein said alarm display device is provided on the signal path at each of the plurality of metering points.